

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/684,868

Examiner

Paul Dinh

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the communications filed on 6/7/04 and interviews on 7/8/04 and 7/29/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-9 and 11-25.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date 6/27/03.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),

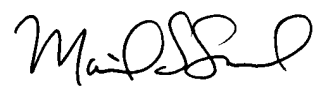
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

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8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher P. Maiorana on 7/8/04 and 7/29/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

Claims 26-33 have been cancelled.

In claim 1, line 3, after functional portion, insert - - comprising an FPGA core - -.

In claim 1, line 4, after logic portion, insert - - (i) - -.

In claim 1, line 4, after functional portion and, insert - - (ii) - -.

In claim 1, line 5, after configured to, insert - - (a) - -.

In claim 1, line 5, after detect errors, insert - - when in a first mode - -.

In claim 1, line 5, after the comma, insert - - (b) - -.

In claim 1, line 5, delete the word "or".

In claim 1, line 5, after fix errors, insert - - when in a second mode and (c) - -.

In claim 1, line 6, after said functional portion, insert - - when in a third mode - -.

In claim 24, line 3, after signal pattern, delete ", tracing the internal state machine"

In claim 25, line 4, delete the word "the".

In claim 25, line 5, delete the word "the".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-1890. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Smith', with a stylized, cursive script.

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